

## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Bermuda Talks

THE Bermuda conference, postponed from mid-summer, is to take place in midwinter. The change of international climate as well as a physical climate provides a parallel too obvious to be missed. As at first conceived by the Prime Minister, the conference would have been a preliminary to a larger meeting with Mr. Malenkov. As it is today, there can be little expectation that President Eisenhower, Mr. Laniel, and Sir Winston will presently be on their way to Moscow or to some other meeting-place agreeable to the Russians. The hopes that the Soviet Government was about to become more friendly have been blighted. The most recent Soviet Note, among its many complaints, objects to Western "collusion" in holding meetings such as the one planned at Bermuda, which, in its view, make co-operation with the West difficult. That Note also, with its insistence on conditions without which Russia will not discuss Germany, leaves little doubt that the Soviet Government does not want a meeting of Foreign Ministers (except, perhaps, with China present). There is, of course, a small possibility that it might still be willing to agree to a meeting at the highest level. Until it has been tested on that subject, we shall not know for certain.

OTHERS of the "various matters of common concern" to be discussed at Bermuda are, indeed, of greater urgency. Sir Winston has always insisted—and rightly so—that the North Atlantic alliance was the foundation of our policy. "We all stand by it," he said at Guildhall, "with no thought of aggression against any country in the world." The deep disappointment of hopes of a more favourable attitude in Moscow makes it the more necessary to keep the North Atlantic alliance working well. At present its machinery is not all turning smoothly. The North Atlantic Council, which is to hold its annual review ten days after the Bermuda conference, is faced with something not far short of paralysis in the defence preparations of Europe. No progress is being made with the European Army, and while its fate is unsettled many other plans must be kept waiting; every European country wants to spend less on defence if it can, and the United States seems unlikely to pay out next year the dollars it has hitherto provided for foreign military forces; in addition, much uncertainty has been caused because of demands connected with atomic weapons and with missiles. These are some of the complications which Bermuda can give lead to the North Atlantic Council.

# PLOT TO OVERTHROW QUEEN'S GOVT IN SCOTLAND

## Charges Against Four Young Men

Edinburgh, Nov. 17.

Four young men were charged in the Edinburgh High Court today with plotting to overthrow the Queen's Government in Scotland and attempting to set up a separate nationalist regime in association with the "Scottish Republican Army."

They were further charged with obtaining explosives, arms, ammunition and inflammable fuel, destroying or damaging government property and endangering the lives of the public.

Three of the four Scotsmen are: Robert Duncan Watt, 22, veterinary student, Johnson MacAlister, 24, student, and Raymond Forbes, 23, process worker. The four men were arrested in June.

The indictment said that between April and June this year, in Edinburgh and elsewhere in Scotland, the four men conspired with each other and with other unknown persons to further by criminal means the purpose of an association, known as the Scottish Republican Army, or some other association, with the intention of coercing Her Majesty's Government to set up a separate Government in Scotland, or with the intention of overthrowing Her Majesty's Government in Scotland.

The indictment also charged them with collecting arms, ammunition and explosives to further their purpose, with attempting to induce three other men—John Cullen, Malcolm Watson Thomson and Thomas Holleran—to enter the alleged conspiracy, and with attempting to induce Cullen to obtain explosives for them.

An alternative charge alleged that they possessed, sold, or attempted to sell, or to enable other unknown persons to do so, and that they held three automatic pistols and ammunition with the same intent.

An array of automatic pistols, ammunition, explosives, coils of fuse, a necktie, a razor and two oil drums were laid out before the Lord Justice Clerk, Lord Thomson, and the jury of seven men and eight women when the trial opened today.

Members of the public were closely scrutinised by police as they entered the court. Among them in the public benches was Miss Wendy Wood, well-known figure in the Scottish home rule movement.

### WARNED OF RISKS

John Cullen, one of the 49 prosecution witnesses, said that Forbes, inviting him to join the organisation, warned him of the big risks involved—possibly a long term of imprisonment, or death or the "commission of murder."

Cullen, who was a special constable in Edinburgh, said Forbes told him the organisation would get money from banks and warehouses and steal arms from drill halls.

The witness added that Forbes had informed him that it was intended to blow up a British radio-television transmitter to prevent the Coronation being shown in Scotland, but this was called off at the last moment because it was thought such an act would lose the organisation public support.

Forbes told him there was only one penalty for giving away the organisation's secrets—death. He asked Cullen whether he could teach other men to use explosives as this would save having to send men to Ireland for instruction.—Reuter.

## RUSH FOR SMOG MASKS

London, Nov. 17.

Chemists reported a rush to get "smog masks" today as Britain's thickest fog since last winter enveloped Southern England.

The Weather Bureau predicted that the fog would not lift entirely for at least another 48 hours.

Thus far, however, only a few of the masks have appeared on the streets. Some Londoners pulled their scarves over their noses.

Thick fog patches first appeared last night. This morning, thousands were late for work as the fog slowed trains, closed down airports and extended generally over all of Southern England and Wales.

Inbound airliners were diverted to provincial airports as all air traffic was halted in the London area. Outbound planes were delayed indefinitely and shipping halted in the Thames Estuary.

Whether the present fog develops into the third and depends on whether it traps the smoke from millions of London's chimney pots.

A gatekeeper at a suburban station today told a commuter who had rushed up in the fog at 8.30 in the hope of still catching the 9.15. "The 8.15 isn't even gone yet,"—United Press.

## New National Guard



Members of the newly formed 3,000 strong Cairo National Guard, march in Liberation Square where General Naguib took the salute during the parade. —London Express.

## Aftermath Of Elections

Manila, Nov. 13.

The chief of the Tacloban city police force in Leyte province in Visayas and nine other persons were arrested yesterday as law enforcement agencies swooped down on parties responsible for Election Day terrorism. Those arrested will be booked for charges of sedition.

The Tacloban city arrests coincided with a reported move yesterday to arrest the Liberal Cavite province governor in southern Luzon for instigating violence resulting in the deaths of six persons on November 10. The Tacloban city police chief and the men arrested with him allegedly gave support to bandit groups which terrorized the electorate during and after the elections. The Liberal Party headquarters in Tacloban city promptly denounced the mass arrest as political persecution.

Launched by the victorious Nacionalista—Democratic coalition, the arrests would continue and it was learned that more would be taken into custody for identical charges. In Cavite, constabulary agents are tracking down the Novleta town mayor and two municipal policemen who are also charged with sedition. —France-Press.

## Made His Own Electric Chair

Buenos Aires, Nov. 17.

A wealthy Argentine businessman of 56, Jose Valcarlos, head of a happy home, in good health and with no apparent worries, committed suicide here by electrocuting himself in a home-made electric chair. He cut a high tension cable and fitted it to an attachment whereby, by throwing a switch, he received the full charge in both wrists. Death was instantaneous. —China Mail Special.

## Bad Day For Malayan Reds 15 TERRORISTS KILLED

Singapore, Nov. 18.

The Malayan Communists suffered a disastrous defeat during the 24 hours ending midnight Monday, official claims revealed, with 15 terrorists killed, four wounded and five surrendered.

Among those who surrendered was Siew Hong, a branch committee secretary of the Raub area of Pahang State. Siew Hong was an active political commissar with the underground resistance movement during the Japanese occupation. He had a food stall after the war but immediately went underground when the Malayan Communist Party struck in June 1948.

Ruthless to his own men as well as to his enemies, Siew Hong was responsible for a long series of murders, including the cold blooded killing of a Chinese estate manager.

### SURRENDER

According to an official statement, Siew Hong led three other terrorists—one a woman—and surrendered to a passing car. He was carrying a leaflet he had picked up, which offered terrorists in the jungle freedom to start a new life if they surrendered.

Eighteen million such leaflets were dropped by RAF Valentia during the latter part of October in various parts of the Federation.

Fifteen terrorists were killed in scattered engagements in many districts. A combined patrol of 16 Gordons and police accounted for four in the Dangli area of Kuala Pilah district. A branch committee member and three women terrorists fell to the Fourth Battalion, the Malay Regiment, in the Triang area of Telang.

The Gurkhas bagged two in the Tengkong Rambutan area of North Perak. Two more were killed by the special operational volunteer force comprising former Communists now operating with the security forces. —United Press.

## THE DEXTER WHITE "SPY" CASE

## Subcommittee To Question Mr James Byrnes

Philadelphia, Nov. 17.

The chairman of the House un-American Activities Committee, Representative Harold Velde, announced last night that he had named a special three-man subcommittee to question Governor James Byrnes of South Carolina on the Harry Dexter White "spy" case.

The subcommittee will be headed by Representative Kit Clardy (Republican), Mr Velde said. The other members will be Representatives Gordon Scherer (Republican) and Morgan Moulder (Democrat).

Mr Byrnes was Secretary of State in the Truman Cabinet at the time the FBI filed two reports on White's alleged "espionage" activities. He refused last week to accept a committee subpoena to come to Washington to testify, on the grounds that a Congressional Committee has no authority over the head of a sovereign state.

Mr Byrnes agreed, however, to answer the Committee's question if it or a subcommittee came to Columbia, the South Carolina capital.

Mr Velde, in naming the special subcommittee, said Mr Byrnes had "demonstrated his willingness to testify concerning his conversations with former President Harry S. Truman regarding the Harry Dexter White case." —United Press.

### HOOVER TESTIFIES

Washington, Nov. 17. The FBI director, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, testified today that the FBI was not a party to any attempt to keep Harry Dexter White in the government while the Truman administration ran down a Red spy ring. Mr Hoover made a dramatic surprise appearance before the Senate Internal Security subcommittee after saying that he was prepared to answer in a questions the subcommittee wished to ask him about the White case. —United Press.

### SENATOR'S QUERY

Washington, Nov. 17. Republican Senator William Jenner from Indiana said today that he would ask Attorney General Herbert Brownell to state what steps had been taken to watch over two former officials of the Treasury, Harold Glasser and Frank Coe, who had been suspected of being Soviet agents. Senator Jenner is the Chairman of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. —France-Press.

### MCCARTHY PREPARING

New York, Nov. 17. Senator Joseph McCarthy worked in secret again today, preparing for what he promised would be open hearings next week to show that Communist espionage has taken place at the Army's radar laboratory Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. The Wisconsin Senator spent several hours behind closed doors with witnesses yesterday and planned another closed session today.

He said he wanted to clear up "confusion" in the case, apparently referring to a statement by the Secretary of the Army, Mr. Robert Stevens, last week that the Army authorities had been "unable to find anything resembling espionage" at Fort Monmouth. —United Press.

### RESIGNATION DEMAND

Cleveland, Nov. 17. Mr Joseph A. Beltrone, the President of the Transmission Workers Trade Union, today asked for the resignation of Attorney—General Herbert Brownell.

His motion was adopted unanimously by the annual conference of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, where he presented it. The resolution also criticised the attitude of President Eisenhower in the case of Harry Dexter White. Former President Truman, said the motion, had always fought Communism during his administration, and did not need to be defended against this attack. —France-Press.

## Mau Mau To Be Bombed Out Of Forest

Nairobi, Nov. 18.

Heavy pattern bombing of the prohibited areas of the Aberdare and Mount Kenya forests is planned to "smash the hard core" of Mau Mau gangs who continue to defy thousands of British and African troops, it was announced today.

General Sir George Erskine's East Africa Command headquarters also disclosed that four Lincoln bombers had arrived in the colony from Aden and would begin unloading heavy bombs almost immediately on the thick forests and jungles clothing the two mountain areas.

The official announcement said: "Authority has been given for a flight of Lincoln aircraft from the Middle East to be temporarily detached to Kenya."

The endurance of these aircraft will increase the effectiveness of the Royal Air Force contribution to military operations conducted by the Commander-in-Chief East Africa for the purpose of harassing terrorist gangs in the more inaccessible prohibited areas.

### NEW CENTRE

A new joint operations centre, headed by General Erskine's top operational staff officer, Lieutenant Colonel Arthur Tree, has also been formed to co-ordinate and direct all ground and air operations against terrorist gangs.

An Army spokesman said the joint operations centre would consist of both Army and Royal Air Force staff officers working "with and alongside" East Africa Command headquarters in Nairobi.

Introduction of Lincoln bombers had been called for by General Erskine to give increased hitting power to the anti-Mau Mau operations, the spokesman added.

Royal Air Force Harvard planes, who have been bombing and strafing selected targets in the Aberdare and in the Kenya region since last April, would continue operating in close support of troops in the field.

The Lincolns would probably be used for both day and night bombing "with and alongside" operating "almost immediately as long as weather conditions permit," the spokesman said. —Reuter.

## WINES

for the connoisseur....

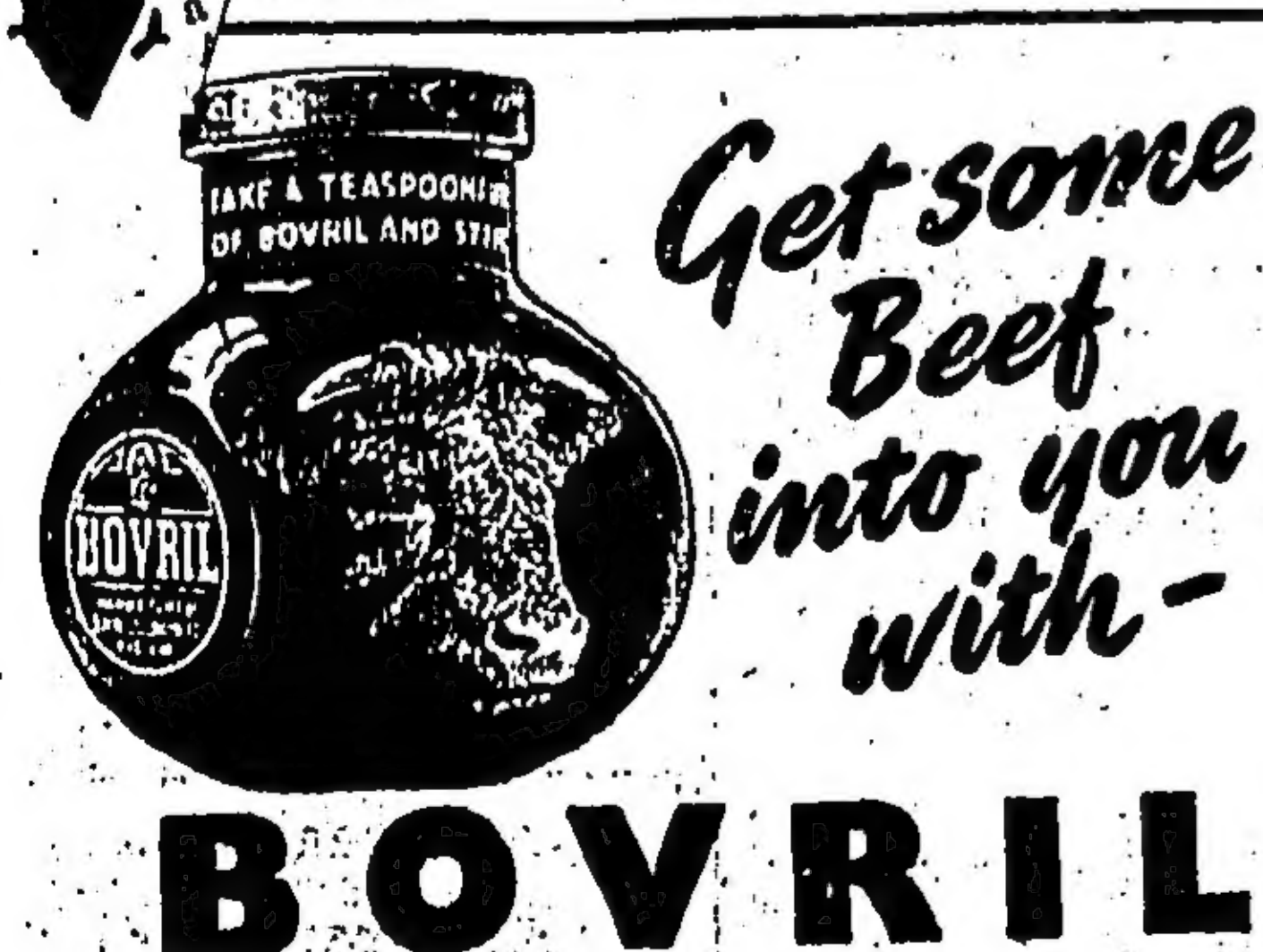


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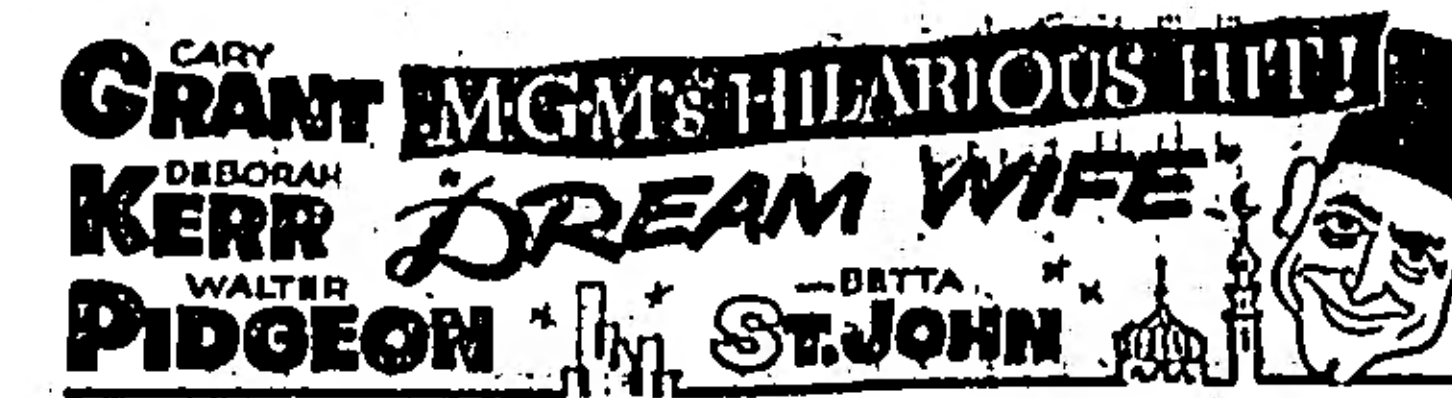
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# FRENCH DEBATE ON E.D.C.

Powerful Groups Opposing Ratification



Her Majesty the Queen, with Mr. Harry Marlow, walking through the foyer on her arrival at the Coliseum to attend the Royal Variety Performance on November 3. Following are Princess Margaret, the Duchess of Kent and Prince Lillier. (Central Press).

## Undeterred After Third Futile Search For Missing Son

Rio de Janeiro, Nov. 17. The father of French explorer Raymond Maufrais has returned here after his third futile attempt to find traces of his son lost in the Amazon jungle. Edgar Maufrais, 53, said, "I will continue to search for him while I have breath in my body for I am certain that my son lives as the prisoner of some Indian tribe."

Maufrais said that he was forced to turn back from his latest search through the jungle because the natives who accompanied him refused to go any farther and had sunk his river canoe.

He set out from Manaus, state of Amazonia, with two natives to explore the region of the Maues River and its tributaries after he received a report that a white man had been seen in that area.

The region is about 800 kilometres from where his author-explorer son was reported lost in January, 1950, somewhere along the border of Brazil and French Guiana in the Oiapoque River area.

Maufrais, who is lean and healthy looking, said that he managed to explore four of the tributaries of the Maues River. On the fifth, however, he said the natives sank his canoe and stole his provisions, forcing him to walk 200 kilometres back to the Maues River.

Peaceful Indians helped him along the way and he managed to get fresh meat by shooting game.

From the Maues he explored the Amana River area but the natives there said that there was no news of a strange white man.

He then returned to Belem do Para and came here where he wants to talk to two explorers, a Belgian named Van Landuyt and a German named Von Totahy, who reported that the natives had told them of a white man in the Maues River region.

Maufrais angrily denied charges that he was searching only for publicity and not for his son.

Hall said he never saw the money again, except once at the police station, where, he said, he believed he saw it in his suitcase. Half the ransom has not been recovered.

In the meantime, Police Lieutenant Louis Shoulders of St. Louis, who arrested Hall, has resigned from the police force.

Mrs. Grace Hatfield, the owner of a hardware shop in St. Joseph where the body of Bobby Greenleaf was found buried, told the court how Hall had bought a long-handled spade from her.

Mr. Lee Chesser, who runs a flower shop in St. Joseph, identified Hall and Mrs. Heady as the couple who bought a dozen chrysanthemum plants, which they were said to have used to hide the boy's grave.

France-Press.



## De Gaullists Lead The Attack

Paris, Nov. 17. Almost 200 French Deputies were present in the National Assembly this evening when the question of the European Defence Community Treaty came up for discussion.

Indicative of the interest taken in this thorny question was the fact that, at the morning session of the debate on foreign policy, which did not deal with this question, only 50 Deputies were present in the Chamber.

The threat of German aggression loomed large in the debate and two resolutions were introduced during the discussions. The first, introduced by Popular Republican (MRP) Deputy, M. Alfred Coste Floret, gave support to French participation in the Defence Community. It supported the government's programme and urged that it should continue "the policy of constructing a united Europe."

The second — against the proposed Community — was signed by former Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, two Independent Peasant Party Deputies, an Independent Republican, a popular Republican and a de Gaulle. It called for a political community of the six European states a plan "devised by the pan-Germans before 1914 and re-taken up by Hitler before 1939."

Opening the debate, Socialist Deputy M. Gerard Jaquet, backed by his own group and the Christian Democrat Popular Republican movement (MRP), defended the Community as being the only way to overcome the German danger.

M. Jaquet brought both ironical laughter from the opposition when he stated that the Strasbourg Assembly's authority was "unquestionable." He had been opposing the European Defence Community during the recent foreign policy debate and he cited the Strasbourg Assembly as the classic example of "European success."

De Gaulle Deputy, M. Leon Noel, said that Europe must not be built on the corpse of France. Germany wants her old frontiers back," he added, "and this represents a permanent war threat." He said that since the German Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer was for the European Defence Community, "the French can only be opposed to it."

France-Press.

Members of a sabotage group of the Gehle organization in Hestek on the Baltic Sea have been sentenced to 25 years imprisonment, the East German radio announced tonight.

The radio said that the group had tried to set fire to a foreign steamer in the Warnow shipyards as well as trying to sink a "foreign ship" and to destroy an electric power plant.

France-Press.

Tachilek, Burma, Nov. 17. A group of 152 Chinese Nationalists, including 22 women and 23 children, were evacuated from Burma soil today, bringing the total number of the Kuomintang forces evacuated so far to 685.

Today was the sixth day of the evacuation. No arms were surrendered. The evacuation proceedings under which the Kuomintang forces are to be suspended tomorrow due to "unforeseen circumstances," France-Press.

At one point in the report, the Commission said that the co-operation of the Soviet Union was indispensable for the success of its work.—Reuter.

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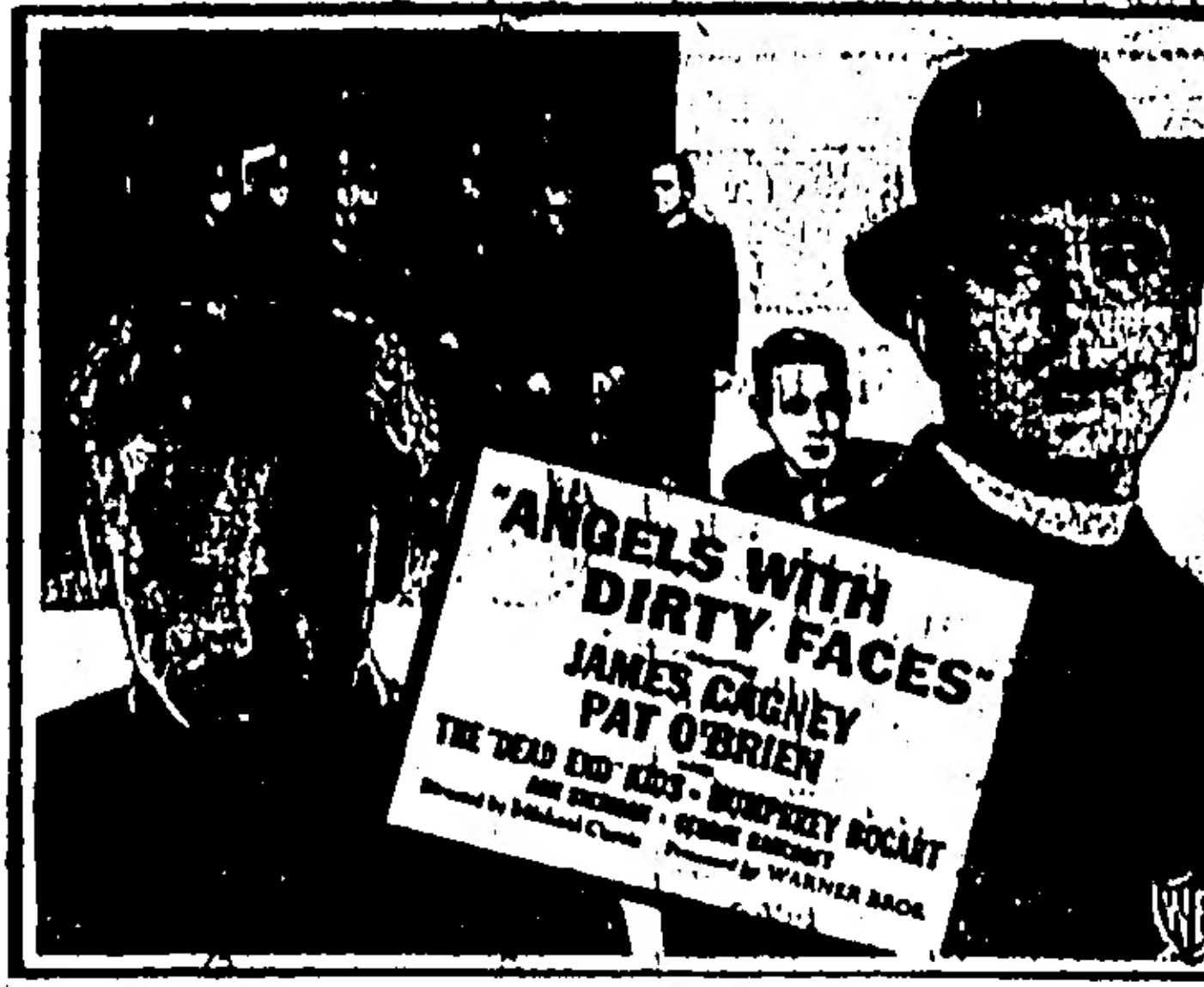
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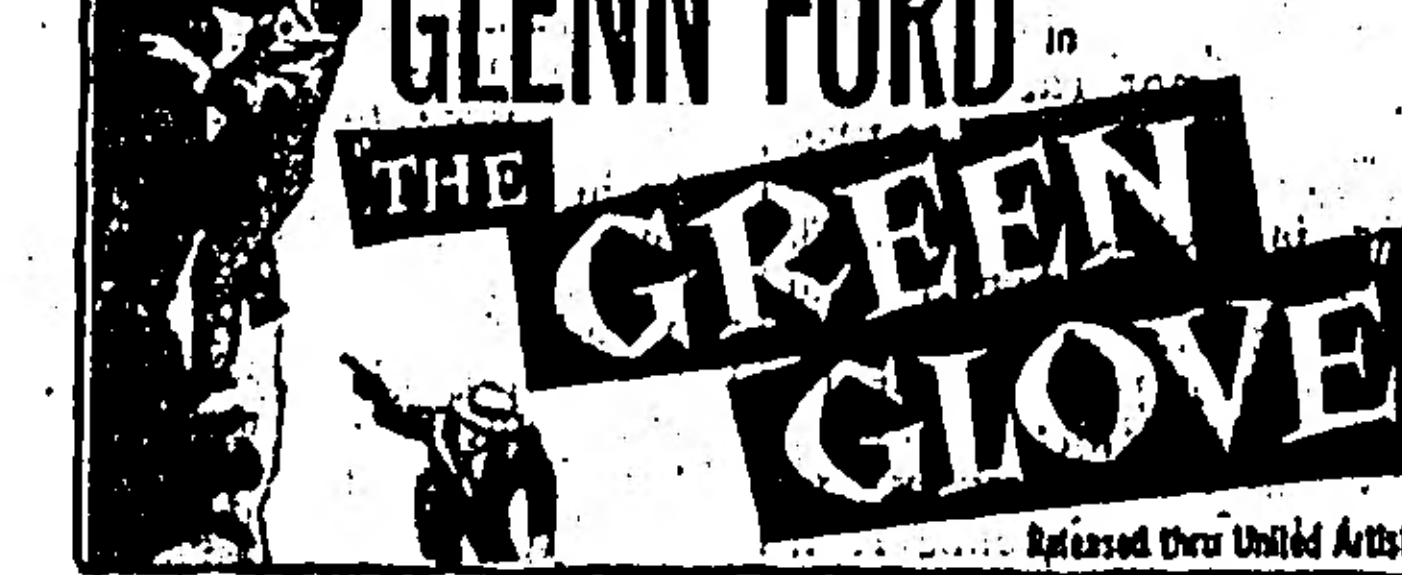
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# Centuries-Old Dispute With France Settled In Favour Of Britain

## One Too Many

Berlin, Nov. 17. — West Berlin zoo official Kurt Mueller faints after his 14th snake bite. Mueller, 57, was in the city he has charge of about 250 reptiles, mostly deadly poisonous snakes. One cobra bite has put him in hospital for three months. — China Mail Special.

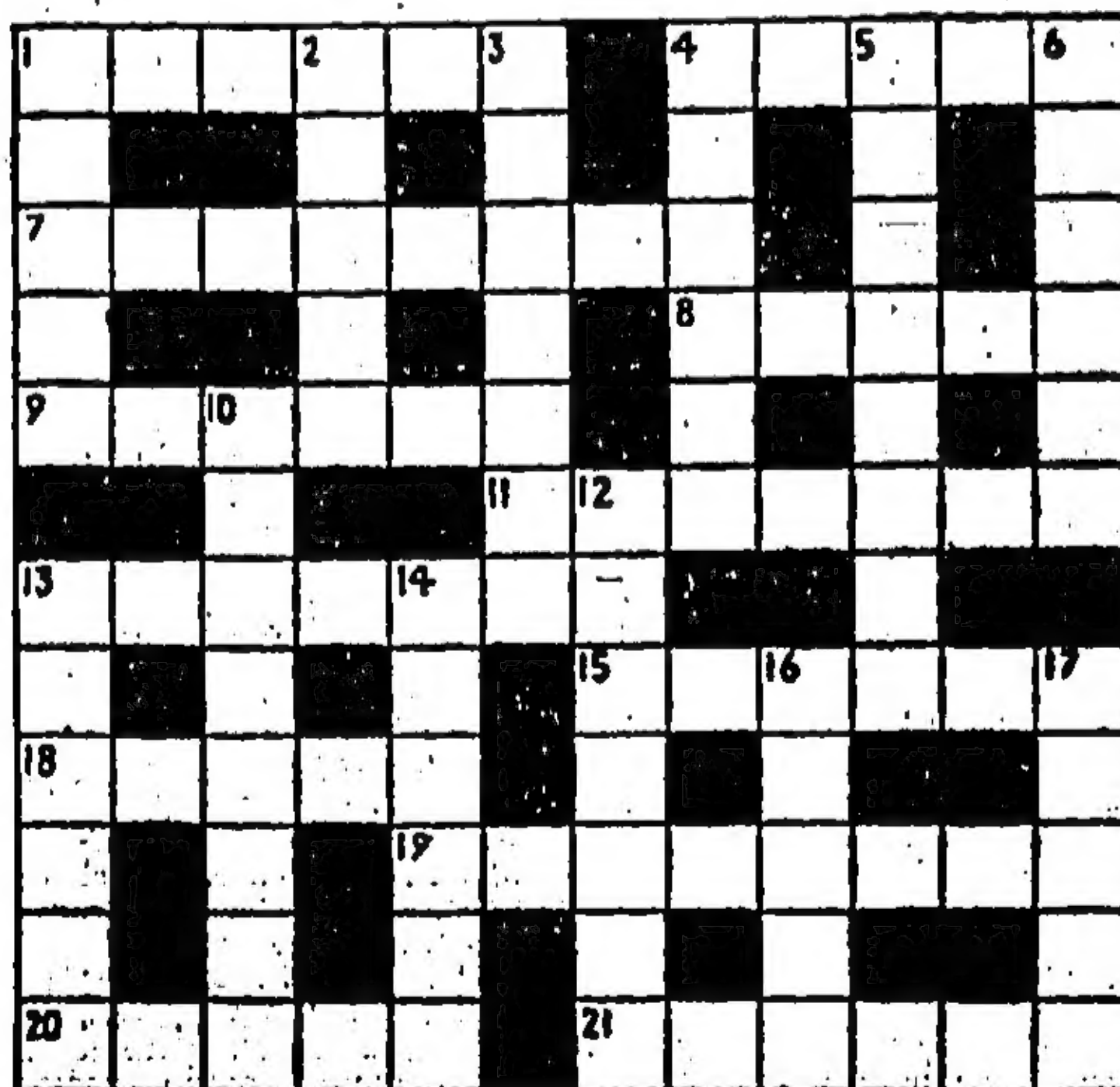
## Plans For Harnessing Jordan River

Washington, Nov. 17. — President Eisenhower said today that agreement by countries on the banks of the Jordan River of the United Nations proposals for harnessing the waters of the river would allow rehabilitation of a great number of Arab refugees living at present on international charity. In a statement published by the White House, President Eisenhower expressed satisfaction with the report made to him by his special envoy to the Middle East, Mr. Eric Johnston. President Eisenhower said that the acceptance of the United Nations proposals would mark important progress in the settlement of the questions of rights over vital waters of the river. I would also, he added, open the way to the construction of irrigation systems and hydro-electrical installations which would give an economic basis in the Jordan villages to more than 500,000 persons. Meanwhile, during his press conference, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said that, following Mr. Johnston's mission, plans for harnessing the waters of the Jordan River are still being studied. Dulles had attended the meeting between President Eisenhower and Mr. Eric Johnston. — France-Press.

## Prince Charles Throws A Party

London, Nov. 17. — Prince Charles, officially celebrated his fifth birthday at Buckingham Palace today. A celebration had already been held at Windsor Castle on November 14, the Prince's actual birthday. Swarms of young children were treated to two enormous cakes at today's party. The bigger of the two cakes, made by the chef of the Palace, was decorated with figures from children's stories. The other pictured a fortress with turrets and a drawbridge with sentries. — France-Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Gap (8).
  - Royal line (5).
  - Yarn (8).
  - Tree (5).
  - Drum (8).
  - Getting old (7).
  - Treasure (7).
  - Zealous (6).
  - Exhausted (8).
  - Phlanders (8).
  - Trick (5).
  - Dismal (6).
- DOWN**
- Centre (5).
  - Implied (5).
  - Itated (7).
  - Abandoned (6).
  - Scatter (8).
  - Put right (6).
  - Mumbled (8).
  - Erudite (7).
  - Published (6).
  - False (6).
  - Main Bird (5).
  - Irritable (6).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1 Push, 4 Mafador, 5 April, 9 Firm, 10 Lowered, 11 a car, 12 come, 14 Engaged, 15 Inure, 19 Camps, 22 Elegant, 23 Neat, 27 Vain, 28 Problem, 29 Agog, 30 Seal, 31 Repeats, 32 Sues. Down: 2 Unken, 3 Hammer, 4 Meise, 5 Adorns, 6 Arena, 7 O-ese, 12 Tiro, 13 Mope, 18 Game, 19 Dist, 16 Invest, 20 Annals, 21 Parole, 23 Large, 24 Cable, 25 Tames.

The Hague, Nov. 17.

The International Court of Justice today ruled that the disputed Channel Islands of the Minquiers and Ecrehoux groups were to be under British sovereignty. The court thus rejected the French thesis that these islands belonged to France.

The decision was taken unanimously. Judges Basdevant of France and Carneiro of Britain joined in the decision, but submitted separate opinions.

Judge Alvarez of Chile, although concurring in the unanimous ruling expressed regret that the parties to the dispute had attributed too much importance to the evidence dating back to the Middle Ages. He said that sufficient attention had not been given to the tendencies of contemporary international law with respect to territorial sovereignty.

The hearing before the International Court, which opened on September 17, gave prominence to one of the oldest disputes in history.

Conflicting British and French claims to these uninhabited Channel Islands have existed for the past 913 years.

The Ecrehoux groups located north-east of Jersey, is composed of islets. The Minquiers group, south-east of Jersey, consists mainly of rocks. One of the points of interest in the outcome of the case has been the belief that the islands could be used for the purpose of harnessing energy from the sea. — France-Press.

## SPORTING SPIRIT

Paris, Nov. 17. — France may be expected to accept "a sporting spirit" in the decision of the International Court of Justice at the Hague recognizing British sovereignty over Minquiers and Ecrehoux, French political circles said tonight.

The decision involved a question of law, they said, and would not entail major practical consequences. Political circles said there were two issues at stake, fishing rights and the use of the islands to harness energy from the sea.

It was pointed out that, in accordance with an agreement signed in January, 1951, fishing rights would remain no matter who won the case before the International Court. The only exception consisted of rights to the fishing zones around three of the leading islands which would go to the winning action.

As for the French plans to build installations for utilizing tidal energy from the sea, political circles pointed out that the British government had indicated that it would be prepared to negotiate on the matter. Britain would not put obstacles in the way of the French project and would grant the necessary facilities to France. — France-Press.

## PAKISTANI CONFLICT WITH PRESS

Karachi, Nov. 17.

Dawn, leading Karachi newspaper, today published columns of protests against the government's action in withdrawing advertisements from the newspaper and banning its correspondents from government offices.

The Government yesterday announced the withdrawal of its patronage from Dawn and another leading newspaper, the Evening Star, because of a "series of inflammatory articles" which "had transgressed the bounds of legitimate criticism— they tend directly to bring the Government into hatred and contempt and set one section of the people in the country against another."

Dawn today, in an editorial denied doing anything to injure the interests of the state.

"Creating public opinion against the Government in a democracy is in itself a democratic right," the newspaper declared.

In a reference to the Prime Minister, Mr. Mohammed Ali, Dawn said: "Is this the freedom of the press which he talked about soon after his assumption of office? Is this the sort of democracy he believes in?"

The editorial said signs of government action had come beforehand from "a certain contemporary which is clearly in the inner councils of the Government" (presumably a reference to the Times of Karachi which both newspapers have criticised recently) and from the Punjab chief minister, Malik Feroz Khan Noon.

"The charge is that the editor of this paper, because he happens to have been born in East Bengal is 'anti-Punjab'. A newspaper is too ridiculous for words. He has never criticised or attacked the minister or any other dignitary because he was a Punjabi nor has he spared any other person by merely being a Bengali or otherwise. He considered him a fit object of criticism," Dawn added. — China Mail Special.

## Behind "Noah's Ark" In The Quarry Pit

Linz, Upper Austria, Nov. 17.

An elderly, thin woman called at the radio station here recently with a request and left her address — "Houseboat Noah's Ark, Old Quarry Pit, Linz-Lustenau."

An enterprising local reporter, puzzled at a boat in a quarry pit, unearthed the story of an adventurous woman, once a landed baroness and wife of a Hungarian Cabinet Minister, now living from a pension and the sale of old bottles in a rickety houseboat perched high on dry land.

She is Lydia Baroness Atzel-Sipos, daughter of a rich Hungarian land owner, who spent most of her youth in a sumptuous Budapest villa. And this was the story she told:

A noted horsewoman—she once beat a host of army officers in a long-distance race—she was married and divorced twice, had survived a war and a revolution before her adventures really began.

A spiritualist must get her a third husband—a Danube river captain named Sipos. Captain Sipos one day turned up at her home and said: "Your aunt has died. She left me a golden snuff box and—yow!"

Baroness Atzel, a firm believer in her aunt's clairvoyance, accepted this strange proposal. For two years she eked out and hid down the Danube on her husband's boat from Yugoslavia via Hungary and Austria to Germany. She learnt to know the river, and the boat as well as any skipper and often took the wheel for hours. When her husband died, she sold his property, and her coat and with the money



Cardinal Tisserant, on a visit to Cairo, talks with General Naguib at the inauguration ceremony of a new Maronite School in the Egyptian capital. (Express photo).

## Grim Time Ahead For Farmers In Flood Disaster

New Delhi.

North Bihar is slowly recovering after the recent disastrous floods which affected a third of the State's 18,000,000 population.

In areas where the water has receded and some transplantation has been possible, a harvest may be gathered in December.

If farmers get a day or two's winter rain towards the end of December, the next harvest in March or April should be a good one. In that case they hope that the economy of North Bihar as a whole will be in a "fair state" by April next, except in areas where the paddy has been completely lost.

Tentative official estimates put the loss caused by the floods, the worst in living memory, at over Rs. 300,000,000 (about £22,250,000). They damaged an area of over 2,063,000 acres, causing widespread damage to crops, houses, roads, embankments and schools.

The story of the floods began when the monsoon started early this year in North Bihar and the low-lying areas became waterlogged. In a normal year, it is usually the river Kosi and one or two other rivers which are responsible for the floods. This year all the rivers were in spate soon after the outbreak of the monsoon and they flooded the countryside.

The maize and the paddy seedlings were already damaged on account of the heavy rainfall during the early part of the monsoon, and the floods coming soon after caused an almost complete destruction of crops over a vast area.

The protective embankments in North Bihar, which usually stand up to the floods, failed in most places to resist the onrush of the waters and soon gave way, allowing the waters to spread.

In former years, even when there was a flood, the water would generally recede in about a fortnight and then the fields could be re-transplanted with paddy seedlings.

## COMPLETE DESTRUCTION

This year, however, the flood water was almost stagnant for six to eight weeks and replantation was not possible over large areas. The complete destruction of crops over the greater part of North Bihar therefore became inevitable. Agriculture being practically the sole occupation in this densely populated region, the landless labourer is the hardest hit.

Meanwhile, apart from work as a hired labourer, his only means of subsistence in the grim months ahead will be the relief which the State or private agencies are able to provide.

The total expenditure of the Bihar Government on relief is expected to run to Rs. 20,000,000 (about £1,500,000) and loan disbursements to Rs. 40,000,000 (£3,000,000).

The Indian Government has so far given Bihar Rs. 7,000,000 (about £525,000) for relief work. — Reuters.

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## TRUMAN ATTACK ON McCARTHYISM CAUSES STIR

Washington, Nov. 17.

Former President Harry S. Truman has once again emerged as a national figure and his radio attack on "McCarthyism" has put an entirely different complexion on one of the most bitter political battles in the history of the United States.

Washington is seething in two camps following the Truman speech on the Harry Dexter White case and many more militant Democrats are now likely to follow the former President in coming out openly against Senator McCarthy.

One result of the Truman address is that "McCarthyism" has been firmly identified with the Republican Party and the former President's comparison of the tactics of his political opponent with those used in Communist countries in order to discredit the out-going regime, has made a big impression on the mass of the people.

All America is waiting for the reaction of the Republican Attorney-General, Mr. Herbert Brownell, after Truman's bitter speech from Kansas City. The Senate Investigation Committee is due to meet again in a few hours and the Attorney-General will be forced to some kind of action following the Truman refusal to be subpoenaed on the Harry Dexter White case and his refusal of charges made by Mr. Brownell.

It is expected that F.B.I. chief, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, may be called in to substantiate Mr. Truman's statements on the case (that no action was taken against Harry Dexter White in order not to prejudice the work of the FBI in tracing down other Communists or Communist sympathizers in high posts).

ISSUE SIDESTEPED And, the most important question of the lot is whether or not President Eisenhower will join in the heated political battle in support of the Republican Party, of which he is the head.

At his press conference today, the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, sidestepped questions on the Harry Dexter White case and said that he did not have the necessary information.

In the meantime, Senator McCarthy has said he would ask radio and television circuits to give him broadcasting time in order to answer the attack made by ex-President Truman yesterday. In that speech, Mr. Truman branded "McCarthyism" as a threat to the freedom of the American people. — France-Press.

## An Atomic Stimulus?

Perth, Nov. 17.

Scientists returning from the Montebello islands, where Britain exploded her first atomic bomb in 1953, said that the explosion seemed to have added to the fertility of marine life there.

They said they had been amazed at the number of turtles which had made the islands their breeding ground. They also found that some fish in the area were still slightly radioactive.

The group of 12 scientists have just returned after spending a week at Montebello testing for residual radioactivity more than a year after the explosion. — France-Press.

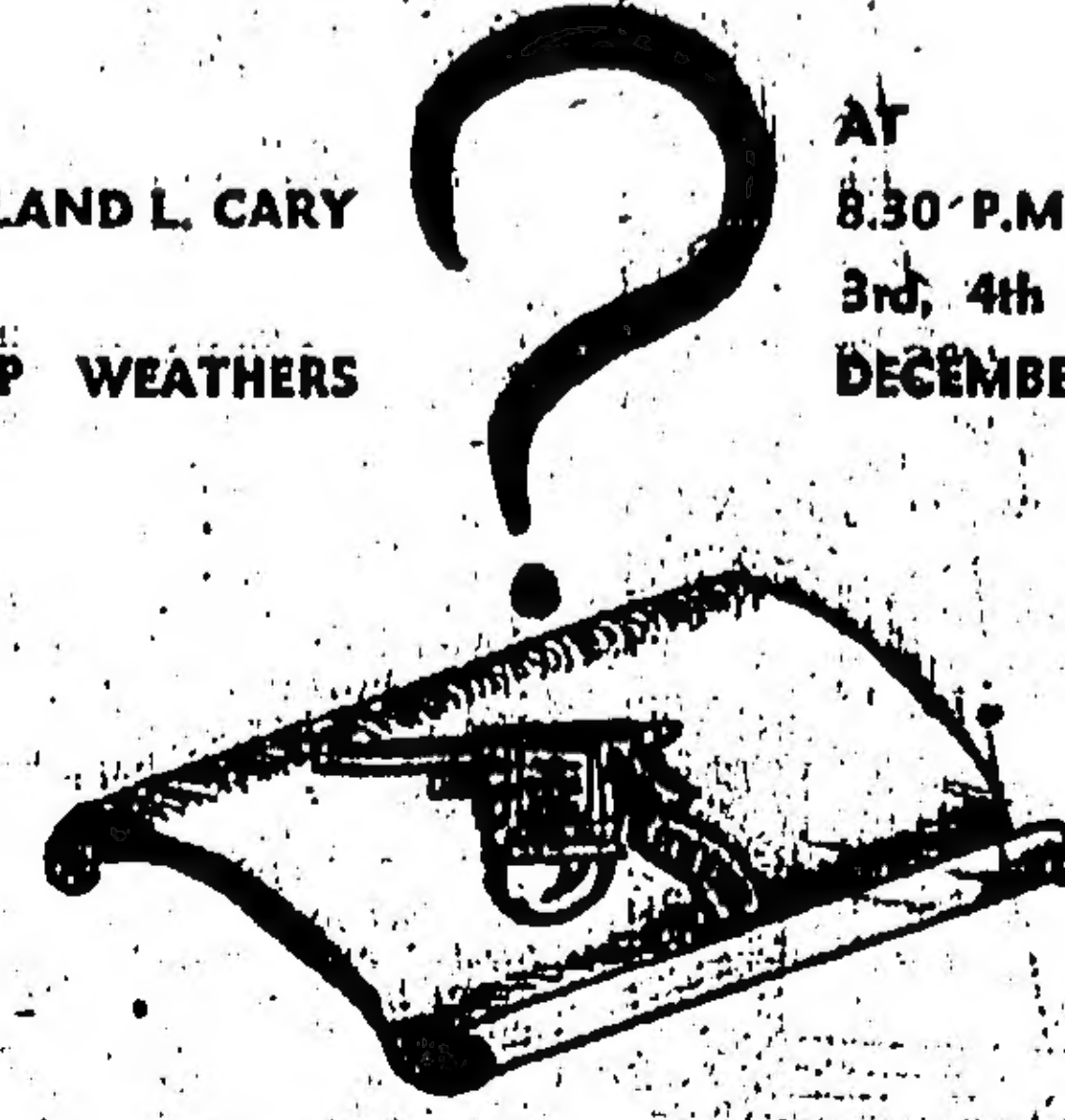
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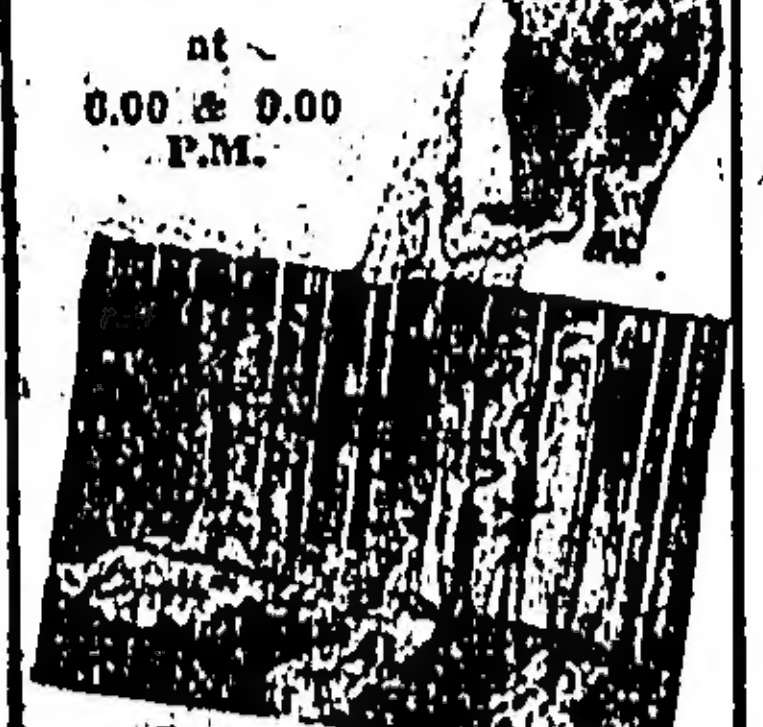


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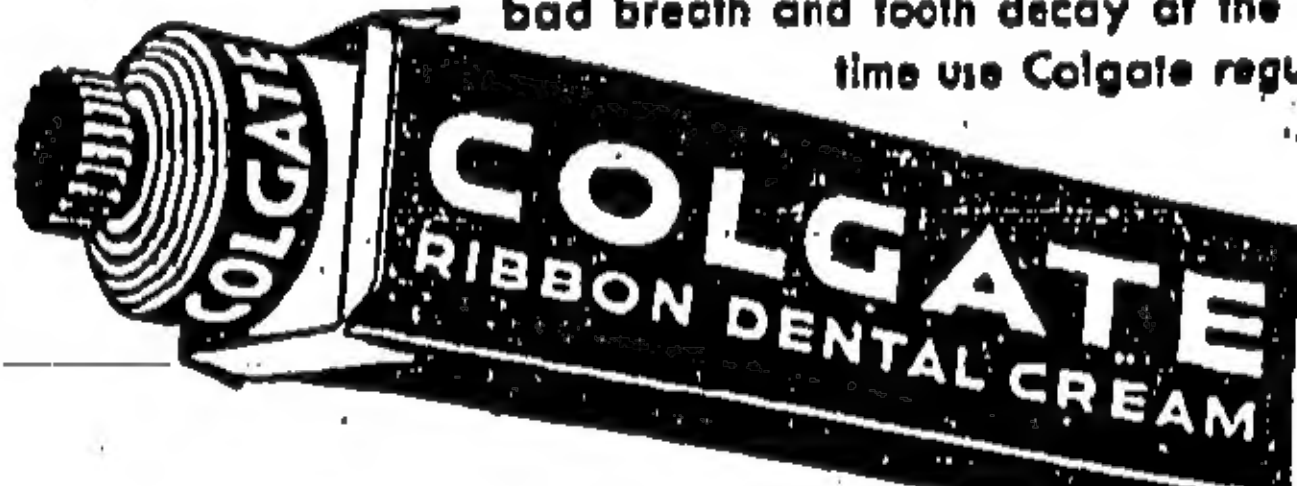
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## HOW WE MASTERED THE FLYING BOMB

IN the early hours of June 13, 1944, exactly a week after D-Day, four pilotless aircraft crossed our coast. They were the premature result of a German order, sent urgently on D-Day in reaction to our successes in Normandy.

One reached Bethnal Green, where it killed six people and injured nine; the others caused no casualties. Nothing further happened until late on June 15, when the Germans started their campaign of "retaliation" ("Vergeltung") in earnest. More than 200 of the missiles came against us within 24 hours, and over 3,000 were to follow in the next few weeks.

The Flying Bomb, as we came to call it, was named "V.1" by Hitler, since he hoped—by some reason—that it was only the first of a series of terror weapons which German research would provide. To Londoners, the new weapon was soon known as the "buzz-bomb" or "buzz bomb," from the siren sound of its engine, which was a lot of new and ingenious design. The bomb flew at speeds up to 400 miles an hour, and at heights around 3,000 feet, and it carried about a ton of explosive. It was steered by a magnetic compass, and its range was governed by a small propeller which was driven round by the passage of the bomb through the air.

When the propeller had revolved a number of times which corresponded to the distance of London from the launching site, the controls of the missile were tripped to make it dive to earth. The blast damage was all the more vicious because the bomb usually ploughed before penetrating the ground.

This new form of attack imposed upon the people of London a burden perhaps even heavier

than the air raids of 1940 and 1941. Suspense and strain were more prolonged. Dawn brought no relief, and cloud no comfort. The man going home in the evening never knew what he would find; his wife, alone all day or with the children, could not be certain of his safe return. The blind impersonal nature of the missile made the individual on the ground feel helpless. There was little that he could do, no human enemy that he could see shot down.

My daughter Mary was still serving in the Hyde Park Anti-Aircraft Battery. On the morning of Sunday, June 18, when I was at Chequers, Mrs. Churchill told me she would pay a visit. She found the battery in action. One bomb had passed over it and demolished a house in the Bayswater Road. While my wife and daughter were standing together on the grass they saw a tiny black object dive out of the clouds, which looked as if it would fall very near Downing Street. My car had gone to collect the letters, and the driver was astonished to see all the passersby in Parliament Square fall flat on their faces. There was a dull explosion near by and everyone went on their business. The bomb had fallen on the Guards Chapel at Wellington Barracks. A special service for which a large number of distinguished officers of the Brigade, active and retired, had gathered, was going on. There was a direct hit. The whole building was demolished in a second, and nearly 200 Guardsmen, including many distinguished officers, and their relations and friends were left killed or maimed under the ruins. This was a tragic event. I was still in bed working at my boxes when my wife returned. "The battery has been in action," she said, and the Guards Chapel is destroyed.

I gave directions at once that the Commons should retire again to the Church House, where some more protection than the Palace of Westminster. This involved a lot of messages and rearrangement. We had a brief interlude in Secret Session, and

a Member indignantly asked, "Why have we come back here?" Before I could reply another gentleman will walk a few hundred yards to a Bird-cage Walk, he will see the reason. There was a long silence and the matter dropped.

As the days passed every borough in London was hit. The worst damage lay in a belt extending from St. Pancras and Poplar south-westwards to Wandsworth and Mitcham. Of individual boroughs Croydon suffered most hits, including eight bombs in a single day, followed by Wandsworth, Lewisham, Camberwell, Woolwich, and Greenwich. Beckenham, Lambeth, and Poplar, and during the first two nights our anti-aircraft batteries in London fired on them and claimed to have brought many down. This tended to serve the enemy's purpose, since some of the missiles might otherwise have fallen in open country beyond the capital.

The flying bombs were much smaller than normal aircraft, and so they were difficult either to see or hit. There were poor chances of a "kill" from much more than 300 yards; but it was dangerous to open fire from less than 200 yards, because the exploding bomb might destroy the attacking fighter. The red flame of their exhausts made the bombs easier to see in the dark, and during the first two nights our anti-aircraft batteries in London fired on them and claimed to have brought many down. This tended to serve the enemy's purpose, since some of the missiles might otherwise have fallen in open country beyond the capital.

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## NATHANIEL GUBBINS

WHEN Lord Beaverbrook kicked Nathaniel Gubbins in the pants it was quite a kick when you consider that Beaverbrook is such a little chap and Gubbins is only an inch and a half under 6ft. and weighs 14 stones.

The kick was so powerful that Gubbins landed on the other side of Fleet Street.

Before making landfall Gubbins was passed down by Gubbins and his life partner, The Plucky Little Woman, to many who relied on their favours.

The P.L.W. started off by firing the milkman. When Gubbins said, "There's nothing wrong with his milk," the P.L.W. replied, "There's nothing wrong with your column."

Gubbins then warned the newsmen that he would be fired if bills were not presented every week. The P.L.W. wanted to fire the grocer, the butcher, the fishmonger, the baker and the entire town council of the little seaside resort where we live.

Drunk with power we then held a directors' meeting on whether we should fire our elderly retainer who has worked well for us for many years and never done us any harm.

She was saved by a majority vote of two to nothing in her favour. But she will never know how nearly the police had fallen upon her devoted grey head as she hummed happily at the sink.

Finally Gubbins decided to fire the Devil Cat (you will hear more about her later) from her idle and luxurious life and sheltered occupation.

She was told that in future she would have to live on Ice-land or instead of rabbit and liver, though she would get four ounces of liver as compensation for loss of office.

As she expected twice as much she had her revenge on us by breaking a couple of

ornaments during a radio play and her revenge on a visiting boy friend by firing him out of the kitchen window.

### The Gemini Boys

As Gubbins, like Beaverbrook, was born under the sign of Gemini and is influenced by Mercury, messenger of the gods, he changes his mercurial mind about people and politics almost every day.

Beaverbrook has changed his mercurial mind about Gubbins.

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what Gubbins is thinking about him at this moment he would be shocked.

Moreover Gemini has dual personalities. And Gubbins has several.

Among these personalities also kicked across the street of ink are Dr. Gubbins, the Fleet Street quack and phony psychiatrist, Old Moore Gubbins, the ancient and discredited astrologer, and Mal Manager, the world's worst chef, who has often more disgusting meals of his own preparation than any man alive.

So, from Dr. Gubbins you will soon learn the bitter truth about your imaginary ailments and the dark, secret places of your mind. From Old Moore Gubbins you will learn of the terrible things that are going to happen to the world and you. If the prophecies frighten you remember that O.M.G. is normally 100 per cent wrong.

Another who came flying over the rooftops, still typing madly, was Peek-A-Boo, Gubbins' own social pest and fashion snob.

She landed here with a bump. Although bruised and shaken, she still went on bumbling away. She is one of the people Fleet Street who loves writing. In fact, only death will stop her. This is what she says about the new line for women:

This is Gubbins' idea of the devil cat—drawn by Gubbins.

FOR TALL WOMEN.—A smooth, flowing princess line with waist beginning just above the knee, giving the illusion of a shorter legline. Very tall women will wear an even lower waistline, giving the illusion of legs beginning just above the ankles.

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top of the new waistline, and very mad and very short women will give the illusion of small walking lampshades wearing hats.

### Funny Lord

YET another who has landed in here is Lord Gubbins, the eccentric peer who is known as "the last of the wits," though many who do not appreciate his humour call him "the last of the wits."

Somebody once recorded in his diary: "Lord G. is the funniest storyteller I ever heard of." I was exhausted with laughing.

New readers will be able to share this delight. Beginning next week, Lord Gubbins' storytelling—witty, irreverent, piquant, and often pointed—will be published exclusively in this paper.

You will be fascinated by his account of how Lord Gubbins was one of the first to open his ancestral home to visitors at a bob a nob, and once sold to a glib American an old baking tin (discarded by Lady Gubbins) as the tin in which Alfred the Great burned the cakes.

How he saves money by shooting bluebottles instead of going to Scotland to shoot grouse on the Glorious Twelfth of August.

Witty Lord Gubbins, who lives in semi-retirement in the Deal and Walmer District, never tires of a crack he made many summers ago and repeats ad nauseam.

On a hot day he went into a bar, ordered a pint of wallop, and said: "It's a Deal Walmer today." Sycophantic local people, who dearly love a lord, haven't stopped laughing yet.

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For the first week of the bombardment, I kept the control in my own hands. But on June 20 I passed it to an Inter-Service Committee under Duncan Sandys (the Prime Minister's son-in-law, then Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Supply) which was known by the code name of "Crossbow." The Committee included Air Marshal Bottomley, Deputy Chief of the Staff, Air Marshal Hill, Air Officer Commanding Air Defence of Great Britain, and Gen. Pile, General Officer Commanding Anti-Aircraft Command.

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CASEBOOK

The Long Winter

TO Mary in her fraught and worried state, it seemed there were no longer good days and bad, only bad days and worse ones. All seasons were winter to her.

She spent her life, now, looking after her sister, who was ill with a chronic nervous complaint. The two shared a home in a south coast resort.

The other day, Mary was seized with the feeling that if she did not escape for a few hours from the sickroom atmosphere that surrounded them, her own taut nerves would snap. She boldly announced: "I'm going up to London tomorrow."

"But you can't leave me," her sister protested.

ADVENTURE  
FOR one day, Mary said, "I'll get the cheap day-return and be back before you know I've gone."

She stuck to her guns, and set off next day for London in the last electric train, revelling in her temporary freedom. People walking along the corridor of that train would have seen a plump, middle-aged woman, rather fussy dressed, sitting back with her eyes shut. There was no way for them to know the great adventure this ordinary journey was for Mary.

She reached London safely and went to the West End, to the shops. She enjoyed being a customer all the more for having once herself worked as a shop-assistant—before she became her sister's companion for a fee of £1 a week.

COMPANION

SHE looked at many counters in a number of shops, and at one bought a suit for seven guineas from her long-boarded savings. Then at another store, this homely, honest-looking woman stole a man's fancy waistcoat priced at 25s. 11d.—to be a Christmas present, perhaps, for a brother or an uncle or a cousin.

She was caught and pleaded guilty to the charge of theft at Great Marlborough Street, next morning.

A woman detective went into the witness-box, and said to Mr. Bennett, V.C. the magistrate: "This woman stole married, but she says that she and her husband were separated three years ago. She says her only income now is the £1 her sister gives her for looking after her."

STRAIN

"I suppose she must have other sources of income," said Mr. Bennett, thinking of the suit Mary had bought for seven guineas, no doubt.

"She said she was spending her savings," the detective said. The magistrate asked Mary what she wished to say.

"I've been under a considerable strain for some months," Mary answered. She wore a grey coat and a little hat, but her mouse-hair was obstreperously asserting itself round the edges of the hat, and tarian tresses that seemed no piece of her costume, hung down here and there about her.

"You're under a considerable strain," the magistrate repeated. "Yet you undertake a very thing day—a long train journey—and then you go round the shops, which is one of the most tiring ways of spending a day."

A CHANGE

"BUT my sister's practically a mental case, the environment's been getting me down," Mary said. "I needed a change."

"Let's talk sense," the magistrate said, "not nonsense."

"I just needed a change," Mary repeated wearily.

"You will pay a fine of £10 and three guineas costs," said the magistrate.

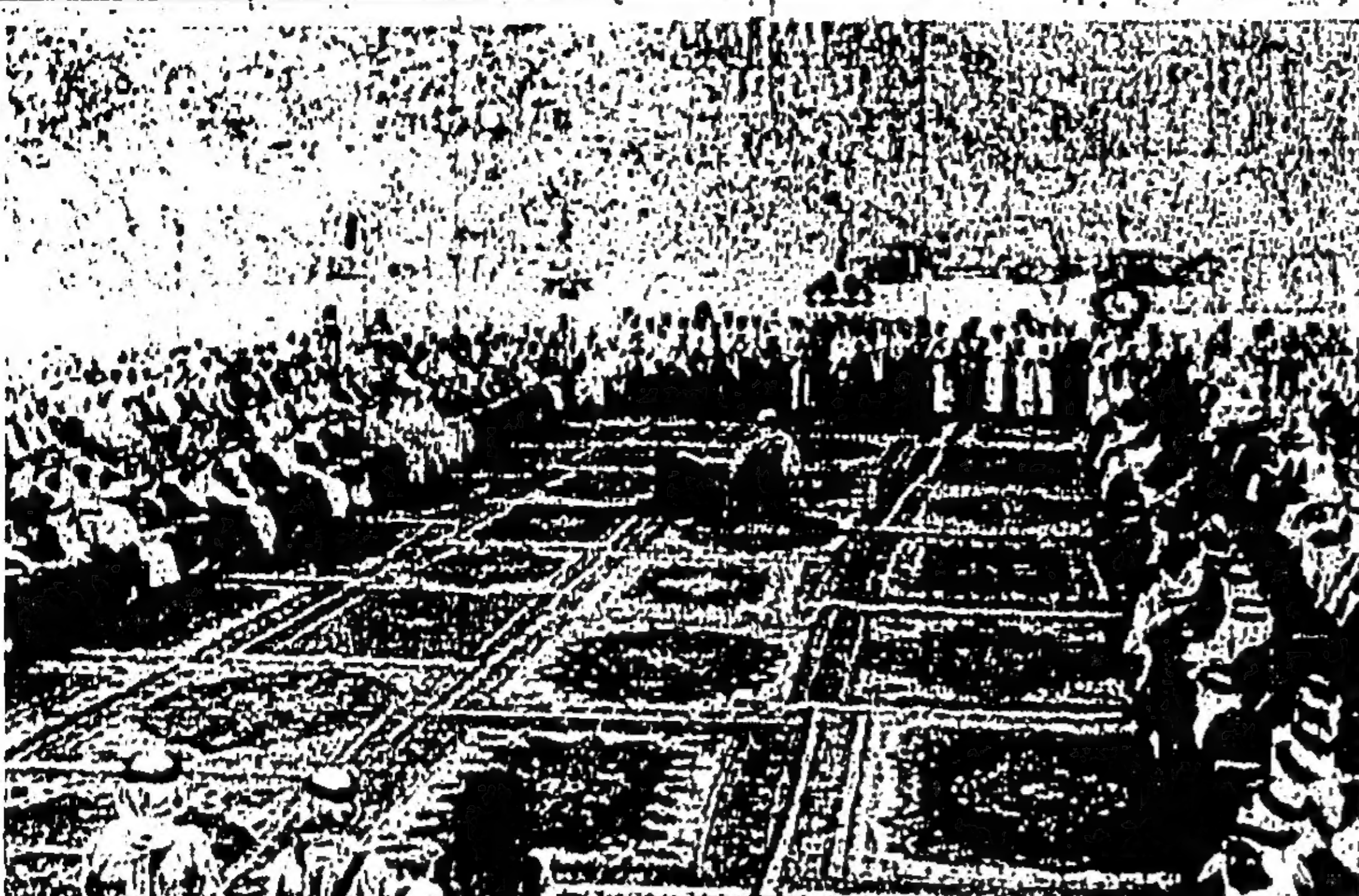
Mary left the court-room, and in the gaoler's office paid the money over. Then she went back to the south coast, to her sister's—freedom—demands. Her long winter lay ahead.

BOATS INVADE VILLAGE

Renner, Nov. 17. A herd of wild boats today invaded the small village of Allouarre in Western France.

A farmer, Eugene Ori, killed three of them in the courtyard, one in the garage, and one in the farm's laundry.

Two more boats were killed by another farmer, J. Buisson, and a sixth one was shot down as he was trying to crash his way into a paddy—France-Press.



The scene during the opening ceremony of the first public supply of electricity for the Holy City of Mecca. The project being opened by H.R.H. Saud Ibn Abdullah Aziz ben Abdul Rahman Al Saud. The power station is built outside the city walls, and the 15 sub stations in Mecca itself will be maintained by Moslem engineers especially trained by Mirrelec, Bickerton & Day Ltd. of Stockport, who supplied the generators. The project will bring street lighting, industrial and domestic supplies to the 100,000 inhabitants of Mecca. — London Express.

Ex-King To Be Tried In Absentia  
Criminal Charges

Cairo, Nov. 17. Egypt's all-powerful three-man Revolutionary Tribunal will try ex-King Farouk in absentia on criminal charges that could bring a death sentence, it was announced tonight.

Farouk is now in exile in Italy. Squadron-Leader Hassan Ibrahim, member of the ruling Revolutionary Council, said its three-man tribunal has completed its present work. The tribunal has heard cases against a series of former Egyptian leaders and politicians accused of treason and conspiracy with a foreign power against the State.

Many of those brought before the Court also were accused of graft and corruption. Ibrahim said evidence against Farouk was being collected on the basis of their testimony.

Farouk was deposed by a military junta led by President Mohammed Naguib in July 1952. Since then Farouk has been accused of corruption, treason, complicity and political assassinations.

STUDENT'S QUESTION

Ibrahim made the trial announcement in reply to a student's question at a junta University forum: "Should the ex-King be branded a criminal instead of being permitted to continue to enjoy the status of a political refugee?"

The corruption charges against Farouk are connected with already heard graft cases, in which the former King was accused of amassing an enormous fortune through abuse of his power. The treason charge came during the course of the trial of former Premier Ibrahim Abdel el Hadi, when Farouk was accused of high-handed action in throwing Egypt into the Palestine war while her armed forces were unprepared for military operations.

The charge of complicity in political assassinations was levelled at Farouk in connection with the murders of the Moslem Brotherhood chief, Hassan el Banna, and Army Lieutenant Abdel Kader. These charges were expected to lead the prosecution to demand the death penalty. — United Press.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6. Time Signal 1 and Programme Summary: 6.03. Lucky Dip Variety Revue presented by Mr. Bennett (Studio); 6.30. Weather Report; 7. Time Signal 2. World News and United Nations Report (London Relay); 7.15. Orchestra of the Week (London Symphony Orchestra); 7.30. Play for radio by Alan Ayckbourn (London Relay); 8. Edith of the Theatre; 8.30. Radio City (Harris) (Harris); 9. Time Signal 3. Variety Revue presented by Mr. Bennett (Studio); 9.30. Play for radio by Alan Ayckbourn (London Relay); 10. Night Stand (London Relay); 10.30. Night Stand (London Relay); 11. Time Signal 4. 11.30. Close Down.

Catches Up With Paper Work

Tokyo, Nov. 18. The United States Vice President, Mr. Richard M. Nixon, locked his door today and began the task of going through piles of accumulated paper work.

The Vice President's official itinerary had labelled today as one for "rest and relaxation." An American Embassy spokesman said that Mr. Nixon particularly wanted it known that this "was very much in error."

The Vice President is spending the day hard at work and has shut himself off from all visitors, the spokesman said. — Reuter.

Mail Notices

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

By Air

Japan, 6 p.m.  
Formosa, 6 p.m.

By Surface

Malaya, Ceylon, India, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain and Europe, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

By Air

India, Ceylon, 9 a.m.  
Thailand, Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 10 a.m.

By Surface

Japan, Noon  
Formosa, 1 p.m.  
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. and Canada, 1 p.m.  
Philippines, N. Borneo, 5 p.m.  
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m.  
Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, U.S.A. and Canada, 6 p.m.

By Surface

China, People's Republic, 5.30 a.m.  
Philippines, 11 a.m.  
Japan, 5 p.m.  
Macao, 2 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.

Court Action Adjourned

An action by the Yee Hing and Company against the ss Kuo Chi in a claim for \$15,000, being money advanced to the Ever Success Shipping Company in September, 1951, for repairs and overhauling of the ship, was adjourned for one week by Mr. Justice C. W. Rogers, Puisne Judge, at Supreme Court this morning.

Applying for an adjournment, Mr. Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr. Charles Ying, representing the defendants, told the Court that Mr. Tan Y. Thin, of the defendant firm, the International Navigation Company, owners of the ship, from whom instructions were received, had been ill and in hospital in Cheung Chau Island for some time. Mr. Yu also said that an affidavit had been filed by the defendants in Court yesterday afternoon.

Reds Have New Plan

Panmunjom, Nov. 17. Allied and Communist negotiators today opened their second day of discussions on arrangements for the Korean political conference.

The major sub-committee, in which the Allies are represented by the American special envoy, Mr. Arthur Dean, is discussing the composition and place of the conference. The other sub-committee is trying to decide when the conference should open.

Both meetings opened on schedule at 11 a.m. local time. The two sub-committees are meeting in separate huts.

Communist sources said today that the Communists have abandoned the idea of a "round-table conference."

The sources said that the Communists were now proposing a two-sided conference with each side having one vote. The presence of neutrals was designed to have "harmonising" influence but they would not be allowed to swing any major issue, the sources said.

Under the Communists plan, the neutrals "might" be allowed to vote on minor matters such as procedure, they added. — Reuter.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Inadequate Seating Arrangements

Sir, — Many people who bought \$10 tickets well in advance for yesterday's International football match must have been disappointed, if not disgusted, at being unable to obtain seats, even at 3.40 p.m.

There appeared to be no organisation whatever and little, if any, control of the seating accommodation.

So much annoyance was obviously caused to many members of the public, that I feel that an explanation is due from the Football Association, together with an assurance that such a disgraceful state of affairs will not occur again. — SEATLESS.

Children Thrown To Safety

Durban, Nov. 17. Two women threw five children, including a two-month-old baby, out of their car when it stalled at a level crossing here in front of an oncoming train.

The train crashed into the car carrying it 50 yards.

One of the women, Mrs. Yolanda Gardner and her six-year-old son, David, were injured and taken to hospital. — China Mail Special.

More Summonses Withdrawn

The day's quota of traffic summonses, 69 in all, were withdrawn before Mr. Thomas Tak in Central Court this morning.

The summonses, as in previous withdrawals, were all issued before last Friday.

King Case: Counsel Claims Prosecution Based On Malice

In the twelfth day of his submission of no case to answer on behalf of James Joseph Osbourne King, Mr. M. A. da Silva expressed his confidence that had the Police and the Legal Department known that the AS400 King is accused of having fraudulently converted, was the subject matter of a pending civil action in the Supreme Court, no criminal prosecution would ever have been started.

"I feel certain of that because I feel certain that British justice still stands in this Colony," added Mr. Silva.

He also said "It is a somewhat difficult remark to make in all the circumstances, but knowing Mr. Leo d'Almada as I have known him, I also feel certain that if all those circumstances had been fully disclosed and known to him — the circumstances brought out in my cross-examination regarding the Bulova and the gold transactions — I am very doubtful as to whether Mr. d'Almada would have undertaken the hard task of leading for the prosecution."

King, merchant, of 20 Braga Circuit, is charged before Mr. Poon Yan-hoi with having taken the £400 (HK\$3,305.94) for the use of his wife, Margaret, in November, 1950, whilst a Director of George Falconer and Co., Ltd., of Union Building.

Mr. Silva declared that "a case of this form of shabbiness and malice should not be permitted to hide itself behind the dignity of the name of a Crown prosecution."

There was notably an absence of Police officers assisting the prosecution and notably significant the presence of Counsel clearly acting for Mr. M. W. H. Seymour (a Director of Falconers), he said.

Mr. Silva said that whether the case was one of private prosecution or Crown prosecution the Magistrate was entitled to and should consider the question of malice, and no one could dispute the proposition that a private individual upon whose information to the Police a prosecution was started could not escape the liability for malicious prosecution by arguing that the Police or the Crown and not he prosecuted.

In the present case it was an undisputed fact that the Police had been most actively instrumental in the prosecution and Mr. Seymour the most actively instrumental.

MEANING OF MALICE

Drawing the Court's attention to the meaning of malice, Mr. Silva said that anything he could point to by way of spite or ill-will by Mr. Seymour against King or of indirect or improper motive on the part of Seymour was connected to the question of malice.

"It becomes laughable when the proposition is advanced to you that 'this is a Crown case' and that the Police and the Magistrate are to be blamed for the fact that he had merely accepted the facts as the Police told him," he continued.

"That proposition is seriously advanced by Seymour and by his Counsel, Mr. Clifford, is refuted and completely contradicted if you find as a matter of fact that Seymour, two weeks before King's arrest and some of his malice on his part and therefore told a pack of lies completely unbelievable in order to try to make out that no such utterance had occurred before he went to the Police."

Referring to the evidence of Insp. Clough, Mr. Silva contended that it showed that clearly some one had boasted of King's arrest two weeks before the day and before the arrest had come to the Police. If Seymour's attitude had been merely inactive he would have moved, unless actuated by malice and spite against King, when speaking to Seang about something else, have burst out with the statement that King would be arrested in two weeks' time. He would have left it to the Police, if King gave a satisfactory answer, not to prosecute, or if he did not give a satisfactory answer, to proceed. Yet before King had given any answer, Seymour said he would be arrested on a criminal charge.

It was a most surprising factor that when information

was laid to Insp. Clough the matters concerning the civil actions were not brought to his attention. Instead of a honest approach they had left Insp. Clough in the dark, said Mr. Silva.

Mr. Silva said that the factor of his having foretold King's arrest struck Mr. Seymour with some force so that he had to dodge around in the most outrageous lying fashion and to call everyone who contradicted him a liar or a "crook". "Every one was tainted, the only person pure as driven snow is Seymour," said Mr. Silva of Mr. Seymour's attitude in the witness box.

"SEYMOURIAN FASHION"

He complained that Mr. Seymour "in the usual Seymourian fashion" had dodged, weaved and evaded when he attempted to pin him down to his telling Seang about King's arrest two weeks before it happened. He said that Mr. Seymour eventually made a partial admission that he might have told Seang but if he did it was only because his lawyers told him it was likely to happen."

Mr. Silva went on to comment on Mr. Seymour's manner of giving evidence which questioned the day he saw Seang, and alleged that Mr. Clifford had interrupted him during this questioning when the witness was getting into difficulty, suggesting the very answer in his (Mr. Clifford's) submission to the Magistrate.

Interruptions always came at a difficult moment for the witness in cross-examination and every time an interruption is made the answer is suggested by Mr. Clifford in the course of his submissions to you and the witness always adopts the very answer suggested by Mr. Clifford in his submission. If that is justice in a criminal Court then God help us. Such interruptions should not be permitted or allowed and should be countered by every Counsel once and for all, or at least possible injustice, especially in a criminal case, might be done," said Mr. Silva, adding that that was the reason why he "rallied and ranted, sometimes a little rudely" at those interruptions in his cross-examination.

Hearing is continuing.

New Flag Officer Takes Over

Rear-Admiral Gerald V. Gladstone, took over the duties as Commander of the Fifth Cruiser Squadron, and Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, Far East Station, from Rear-Admiral E.G.A. Clifford, CB RN, this morning.

In a taking-over ceremony at 8 a.m., Admiral Gladstone's flag was transferred from HMS Defender to HMS Newcastle. The Commodore-in-Charge, Hongkong, Commodore A. H. Thorold, OBE, DSC, RN, fired a 13-gun salute to Admiral Gladstone from HMS Tamar. The salute was replied to by HMS Newcastle.

An exchange of calls was made between the Commodore and Admiral Gladstone.

Admiral Clifford, who arrived here in September last, year to take over the duties of Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, Far East Station, left HMS Newcastle by boat for the Commodore's residence where he will stay as guest until he leaves by RMS Canton for the United Kingdom tomorrow.

"What's Her Line?" Solution, STREET-MUSICIAN, London Express Service.



The Late Mr. Stuart

Death Of Mr A. G. Stuart

Word has just been received by Butterfield and Swire, from London, that Mr A. G. Stuart, formerly Chief Engineer of that company, died on October 29.

Mr Stuart, who is survived by his wife and married daughter, was well-known on the China Coast for many years, and was one of the most popular members of the China Coast Officers' Guild and a former President. He was the person who conceived the idea that the centre for all ship officers had to be a library as well as a lounge.

Mr Stuart served his years' apprenticeship with the North British Railway, 1906-1911, worked as a fitter in Creaseley's, Manchester, and Cammel Laird's, Birkenhead. He went to sea as third engineer, officer in the Etona, and did, as he confessed, "his own growing". He next sailed in the Katuna as fifth engineer, and was at the first landing of the Australians at Gaba Tepe in April, 1915.

Then he joined the Navy as an ERA, was in the Dover Patrol, and on the Belgian coast, bombarding the Germans. He left the British Navy on January 7, 1919, and joined the China Navigation Co's staff on January 11.

The ss Chentu was in dock in London, and it is believed that he was the only officer who signed on one of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's ships in Britain after she had been built there.

He sailed on the China Coast, then returned to the United Kingdom. For ten months he was third engineer and was promoted Chief Engineer Officer six years later. He proceeded to Germany and saw the Diesel engines for the U-boat built and tested. He established a record by sailing in this vessel for nearly 14 years. During the war he was in the Shen-king, carrying petrol to secret Catalina bases in the Indian Ocean.

He retired in July, 1951, and acquired a new home at Strathlynn, Kilmahon, Callander, Perthshire, Scotland.

OLD RESIDENT PASSES

The death occurred this morning of Mr A. H. Samy, an old resident in Hongkong, at his home, No. 128, Tung Choi Street, after an illness. Mr Samy was 59 years of age.

The late Mr Samy had retired from active life for some time. He is survived by his wife, a son, Salim, a daughter, Hashira, and two brothers and four sisters.

The funeral will take place at the Mohammedan Cemetery at 5.15 p.m. today.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Our new neighbour isn't very cordial—you'd think she'd ask us in to tea one of these afternoons!"

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